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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, EMBASSY CAN ASSURE GON OFFICIALS THAT IT IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE SUBSIDY FOR JARLSBERG, THE PRINCIPAL CHEESE EXPORT FROM NORWAY TO THIS COUNTRY, WAS ELIMINATED IN 1976. THUS TREASURY'S FOCUS CONCERNS THE REMAINING CHEESES THAT ARE SUBSIDIZED AND WHICH ARE EXPORTED IN VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES. SO LONG AS THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW DOES NOT HAVE AN INJURY REQUIREMENT FOR DUTIABLE ITEMS, THE TREASURY CANNOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SMALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLUME OF NON-JARLSBERG CHEESE THAT UNDOUBTEDLY IS ENTERING FROM NORWAY. IT MAY BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO OBTAIN UPDATED INFORMATION CONCERNING NORWAY'S DAIRY SUPPORT PROGRAM TO DETERMINE IF THE PRICE ADJUSTMENT MADE IN 1976 TO ELIMINATE THE JARLSBERG SUBSIDY REMAINS SUFFICIENT.

2. LETTER TO NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK WILL SPECIFY THE INFORMATION NECESSARY IN UPDATING POSSIBLE SUBSIDIES TO NORWAY'S CHEESE EXPORTS TO THIS COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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